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In re Application of:

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For: CONJUGATES AND PROCESSES FOR THEIR PREPARATION AND THEIR USE FOR TRANSPORTING MOLECULES ACROSS BIOLOGICAL MEMBRANES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed document is attached. This document was previously submitted to the Office on August 22, 2001, however, page 140 was not clearly reproduced. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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